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Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached is a Certificate of Correction (Form SB0044) to add a priority claim statement indicating that the above-captioned patent is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/105,963 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,092,120). According to MPEP 1481.03(II)(A), a Certificate of Correction may be used to add a claim of priority in an application filed before November 29, 2000, as was the above-captioned application.

The transmittal form submitted at the time of filing the above-captioned application included an amendment to add a continuation claim to the '963 Application. The Patent Office failed to implement this amendment. Thus, all of the errors shown in the attached Form SB0044 are due to Patent Office oversights. A Certificate of Correction is requested under 35 U.S.C. § 254. Applicants believe that no fees are required. However, should any fees be required, please deduct them from Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 501505\5181-76201/JCH.

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